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Riflescopes for Mountain Hunting

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# HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS

- A riflescope is a crucial piece of equipment;
- Good physical condition is required;
- Hiking to the desired location and back usually takes hours.



# GENERAL FEATURES OF RIFLESCOPES SUITABLE FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING

- A light, compact chassis
- 40–50mm objective lens
- High maximum magnification (above 10x)
- Adjustable parallax setting
- Optionally available with a BDC turret



# HUNTING RIFLESCOPES ON MOUNTAIN RIFLES

- **Minimizing weight** is a key to success;
- **lightweight, compact** rifles, designed to withstand adverse weather conditions;
- Popular choices – short-barrel rifles and single-shot drop barrel rifles;
- Blaser K95 Stutzen, Merkel K3 Stutzen – popular European mountain hunting rifles.



# ARE RIFLESCOPES FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING SUITABLE FOR LONG-RANGE SHOOTING?

- These riflescopes are designed for **long-range shooting**:
  - High maximum magnification power;
  - Adjustable parallax;
  - Optionally available with a BDC turret.
- Distances to the observed game in the mountains can be huge;
- Shooting beyond 400 m is not in accordance with the principles of the ethical hunt.



# RIFLESCOPES FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING VS RIFLESCOPES FOR STALKING

## Riflescopes for mountain hunting

- Compact and lightweight;
- High maximum magnification range (above 10x)
- Adjustable parallax
- Designed for long-range shooting
- Often available with a BDC turret
- Not suitable for driven hunts

## Riflescopes for stalking

- Compact and lightweight;
- Lower maximum magnification range
- Fixed parallax
- Difficult to shoot at a target far away
- Scarcely offered with a BDC turret
- Suitable for driven hunts

# ILLUMINATION IN RIFLESCOPES FOR MOUNTAIN HUNTING

- Illumination is not an essential feature but many premium riflescopes feature it nevertheless;
- Having a **thin reticle** is much more important (minimum coverage of the game even at a higher magnification)

# BEST RIFLESCOPES FOR HUNTING IN THE MOUNTAINS

- [Swarovski](#)
- [Kahles](#)
- [Zeiss](#)
- [Leica](#)
- [Leupold](#)
- [Vortex](#), etc.







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